



Scents & Nonscents

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Home For the Holidays?

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Meeting Schedules

This is the time of year when I try to remind people of the dangers and give hints for the holidays. This year I want to start off by asking you all to be sure and tell all your friends NOT to get their loved ones a puppy for Christmas. No, I don't mean don't get one at all, just don't get it during or right before the holidays! Give them a card with a card inside entitling them to one puppy or other pet in January. Christmas, as we all know, is far too traumatic a time for a new puppy or any dog. Too many things can go wrong, and the excitement is just too great for that brand new arrival in the house to settle in comfortably. An alternative might be to give a box with collar, leash, food bowl, etc. in it with the promise of the dog to come. And remember to "shop" for your new friend carefully, getting one from a reputable breeder or even checking out the AHA or dog pound. Remember, mixed breeds can now compete in companion events.

Next, be sure to put those gifts, candies, cookies, etc. up high, well out of reach of your four-footed friends. They like to seek out and destroy surprises as much as the little kids do. Don't defrost the turkey on the counter or leave it to cool there—not if your dogs might have access. Also remember that chocolate is dangerous for dogs in any form as are grapes which you may plan for your waldorf salad.

Also, don't plan to feed your dog all those wonderful drippings and turkey skin, etc. from dinner. These can cause various problems in dogs, especially diarrhea. Give only limited amounts or, preferably, none at all.

Watch those Christmas Trees, Hanukkah lights, and Kwanzaa displays. They can be

very tempting for the dog to play with. An ex-pen set up around the tree or other display can be a good way to keep your pal away. It lessens the chance of your dog watering the tree if nothing else. Back when I had a large floor tree, I also hung bells and jingly ornaments on the lower and outer branches as a sort of early warning system. No matter where I was, I could hear if a hound went too close.

Poinsettias turn out to be less of a health hazard than they were once thought to be; however, do still be careful of them. And mistletoe is poisonous, no doubt about it. Keep it away from the herd—human and furry alike.

All that said, and all those warnings given,

I WISH YOU THE HAPPIEST OF HOLIDAYS. MAY ALL YOUR MEMORIES BE BRIGHT!!!!



Koko's Puppies Waiting Patiently for Christmas

SDOC Class Schedules and Notes

How to Contribute:

SDOC's newsletter "Scents & Nonscents" is published 11 times per year.

Contributions are welcome at any time, provided they are in an electronic format (*.txt, *.doc, *.jpg, *.tiff) and received by the deadline.

Send your items and ideas to the Editor.
Laurel Drew

Deadline for the each issue is the 5.th of each month!

Information is believed correct at the time of printing, however the Editor and staff bear no responsibility for errors or omissions.

The Editor is deeply indebted to Saul Rovinsky & Nancy Pollock for copying and mailing, and to Clinton Wolf for posting to the Club's website.

At the suggestion of a few people who have noted as I have that the class listings are sometimes out of date before the newsletter is delivered, we are going to try something a little new. Let us know if this works for you.

The Ed

For full information concerning up-coming classes whether obedience or agility, please refer to the Sandia Dog Obedience Club website. It is found at

<http://www.sdocnm.org>

Call Betty Pearson at 898-2706 to sign up for classes.

Catherine Waters Novice Drill class will stop in Mid-November. It will pick up again sometime in March.

ALL TRAINERS MUST STILL SIGN UP FOR CLASSES, EVEN IF THEY ARE GETTING ONE FREE.

Upcoming Events For Fall

Roadrunner Food Bank food drive from Nov. 1 layers. Also needed are brunch goodies and hot drinks. It can get mighty cold out there!

SDOC Meetings for November and December will be held a week earlier to avoid the holidays. Meetings will be on November 19 and December 17. Board meetings will be held on the Tues. immediately preceding the meeting.

SDOC Christmas Party will be held December 17 after the General Membership Meeting. Be sure to bring an UNWRAPPED gift for the doggy gift exchange. Bring as many gifts as you have dogs to select them so that there will be plenty for all. Also, special treats for both people and dogs will be welcome. Let's PARTY, members!!!!

Also upcoming will be our January Tracking Test. I'm not sure who is in charge, but be sure to ask around and see how you can help. We are always in need of "Big Feet" track-



**Best Halloween Costume—
Jeff and Debby Potter and
their crew!**

Newsnotes From the Neighborhood

Your Editor

From Pat Sayles: SDOC held their second VST (variable surface tracking) test on 17 October on UNM's main and north campuses. Out of an entry of six dogs, there was a 50% pass rate—an outstanding pass rate for VST tests. Two of the dogs, an Otterhound owned by Robin Gruenwald and a German Shepherd owned by Sally Nesbitt came from California. The third pass was Carolee Douglas' Cocker Spaniel, Conner. The VST test was made possible by a dedicated, hard working cadre of volunteers. My saying "thanks" to all for their help is insufficient to express my appreciation to them for giving so generously of their time (and big feet).

To our trainers: Please do NOT insist someone in your class buy a specific collar or any specific training equipment. SUGGEST a different kind of collar if what they are using doesn't seem to be working. Telephone committee, when people call you, suggest they wait to buy anything until they come to class and talk with their instructor —Marcie Jensen, Training Director

The Roadrunner Food Bank food drive at SDOC will be held from right now until December 17 (our last meeting before Christmas). Please bring non-perishable food, no opened items or out-of-date food, and no glass containers. Help us beat the 200 lb. mark this year!!!

Please note a change of email address for Ellen Gerwin. Her new address is now: rapsodipwc@gmail. All her other email addresses will no longer work.

Animal Humane Association now has a wonderful new field for dog training, socialization and agility work. It is available for rent for matches, seminars, and other doggie activities. AHA Behavior Specialist, Susan Reaber, says that the facility will be open for use by the general public as well as for socialization classes taught by AHA volunteers after the first of the year. Our own Jane Winkler will be giving some assistance to the AHA dogs that are involved in agility as a behavior modification class. There was a nice write-up in the Albuquerque Journal on Oct. 29 (Friday) with pictures of several dogs, including Jane's BC, Guy. For details about renting the 40 by 100 ft. facility, contact Susan Reaber at AHA.

A special thank you is in order for Susan McGowen and the UNM Student Athletic Trainers Association for all the hard work they put in to make our agility field ready for the one day Novice and Open agility trial held in October. They made the field look great and the wonderful young men and women were a delight to work with! Thanks also to Leonard Stans and Melanie Mead for coming to help with the work. I greatly appreciated all their efforts. —Ann Newsted

If you are interested in Herding training, contact Linda Kipp and Julia Patten for a series of classes to be held in Corrales. Julia's phone is 505-269-3885. Her email is jpatten1CE@aol.com. She will be holding several different classes during the next several months.

**SDOC
WEBSITE
ADDRESS
IS**

www.sdocnm.org

Be Sure to Check the Website for complete class information, class applications and special updates.

Training Year
(per the SDOC Training Regulations)

For these purposes, the training year will be from December 1 to November 30 of the following year. The total hours of any class which begins on or before December 1 will be credited to the following training year.

Officer Nominees For 2011

From Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee, consisting of Nancy Pollock, Donna Sloan, Barbara Mitchell, Dede Brownstein, Christine Ferron, Estelle Metz and Melanie Mead (unable to attend due to a last minute conflict), met on August 14, 2010 at 1:00 PM. The following slate was proposed.

To register for
any Agility
class, contact:
Bill Chambers
wfchambers39@
gmail.com
Or 281-5187

President:	Maggie Gee
Vice President	Saul Rovinsky
Recording Secretary	Bonnie Conner
Corresponding Secretary	Estelle Metz
Treasurer	Ann Newsted

Board of Directors:	
Pam Sehmer	Clint Wolf
Pam Jones	Christine Ferron

Many thanks to the committee members who generously gave of their time, especially on a weekend. It was a great group. As well, we thank those who graciously accepted the nominations.
Estelle Metz, Chairperson

Don't forget that our elections will be held November 19. Be sure to come as we need a quorum to make it official.

SDOC Minutes from Oct. 29, 2010

By Jacque Obermeyer, Recording Secretary

REMINDER:

Drills cost \$5
per dog per
session.

Call to Order: President Maggie Gee called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM in the training room of the SDOC training site at 7050 San Pedro NE in Albuquerque.

Attendance:

- Board members attending: Maggie Gee, Janice Anthes, Estelle Metz, Jacque Obermeyer, Anne Newsted, Pam Sehmer, Saul Rovinsky, Clint Wolf, Vickee Jones

Recording Secretary's Report:

- The September, 2010 minutes were accepted as written.

President's Report:

- In the last month we have had Obedience/Rally trials, Agility trials, a VST test and the one day Agility trial. All went very well. All the trial secretaries did a wonderful job.

Treasurer's Report:

- The total income for September, 2010 was \$18,588.04 with expenses of \$20,352.52 for a net income of -\$1,737.48 compared to a total income for September, 2009 of \$24,173.74 with expenses of \$20,856.70 for a net income of \$3,317.04. Year to date there is a net income of \$12,179.47 compared to \$20,716.45 for 2009. This is a loss of \$8,536.98.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

- SDOC is invited to the AKC 2010 National Obedience Invitational Banquet Dinner Saturday, December 4, 2010.
- AKC's nominating committee has nominated the following delegates as candidates for vacancies on the Board of Directors: Robert A. Amen, Steven D. Gladstone, Kenneth Marden. *Cont. p. 6*

To register for
any Obedience
class, contact:
Betty Pearson
At 898-2706

SDOC Degree/Title Cards Bar/Plaque Order Form

Name _____ Phone Number _____
Dog's Registered Name _____
Dog's Call Name: _____ Breed _____
Title Earned: _____
Date Earned _____
Any Comments: _____

Plaque/Bar Information

I **(have) (have not)** received a plaque for the dog earning this title. If you have not received a plaque, please be sure to enter the dog's registered name above, as you would like it printed on the plaque. **Only the dog's registered name will be placed on the plaque.** The club will pay for one plaque per dog for current members in good standing. Owners must pay for bars ordered to indicate titles earned.

Bars are available in either large size or a small size for adding and hanging from the plaque to show the titles earned by the dog. A large bar will cost \$6.00 and a small bar is \$4.50 and this price includes lettering.

If you want to order a bar showing the degrees earned during 2010 (or before), please show in the block below, exactly how you want the inscription to be engraved on the bar. Do not show the dog's name again as it is already on the plaque. Please write neatly.

_____ Large Bar \$6.00
(3 ¾ in w x 3/4in h)
(3 lines avail; max of 25 letters/space per line)

_____ Small Bar \$4.50
(2 ½ in w x ¾ in h)
(2 lines avail; max of 10 letters/space per line)

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YAHOO! group:
SandiaDogOC
@yahoogroups
.com

Contact
Rosemary Burtch
at
rosybee@earthli
nk.net with
questions

Use a separate form for each dog getting a bar. Please submit the completed form, along with your check to SDOC, P. O. Box 93053, Albuquerque, NM 87199-3053 **by December 10, 2010** (in order to have engraving ready for the annual awards banquet). Any questions, please call Maggie Gee at 856-7907.

Super Q

By Hannah Agee

On Saturday, Oct 23, SDOC held its first AKC Novice and Open trial. This event was well received and many decided that it should be a two-day trial held annually. We promise to make this happen.

SDOC is thankful for all those who made this trial possible and a success!

On Friday: Melanie Mead, Len Stans, Michael Provine, Karen Provine and Carl Agee helped clear the field, watered the surface and built the ring. It was truly fabulous how hard everyone worked!

On Saturday: Laura Echeverria made sure that everyone had a good parking spot near the building. Linda Smith and Susan Neal worked all day scribing and timing. Terri Moyers, our Chief Ring Steward, worked hard to fill positions to make the ring run smoothly. Terri also took care of the worker's raffle. Carl Agee and Richard Irland, our fabulous course builders, with help from Michael Provine and others, were always ready to set up the next course. Linda Herrera and Nancy Culley, score table, posted results very quickly. Shari Advent handed out the ribbons.

Our judge was Cindy Blanton, and she had really nice courses. Cindy is fabulous to work with and was very good explaining the rules for the Novice handlers.

What an incredible team effort this was!

Many stayed to clean up the field, help store the equipment in the trailer, clean the training room (thank you Annie Newsted for vacuuming) and took stored equipment back on the field. It was truly great to see so many SDOC students and others volunteer.

Wow, what a team effort and what a spirit to make this trial such a success! SDOC could not have held this trial without you! —Hannah Agee



**IF YOU ARE GETTING AN AWARDS
PLAQUE FOR TITLES EARNED IN 2010,
BE SURE TO FILL OUT A TITLE FORM!
FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOYER
AT THE TRAINING SITE!!!
AND IN THIS ISSUE OF S&N!!!**

Has your dog accomplished something new? E-mail all the details to the Editor. AND—if there's a "CH" or "X" anywhere in that title, please include a picture of your dog!

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New Business and Board Actions:

- The nominating committee, comprised of Nancy Pollock, Donna Sloan, Barbara Mitchell, Dede Brownstein, Christine Ferron, Melanie Mead (absent due to work) and Estelle Metz, proposed the slate as follows: President-Maggie Gee, VP-Saul Rovinsky, Treasurer-Ann Newsted, Corresponding Secretary -Estelle Metz, Recording Secretary-Bonnie Connor, Directors-Pam Sehmer, Clint Wolf, Pam Jones, Christine Ferron. Donna Sloan is replacing Christine Ferron who had to withdraw her name due to family obligations. A request was made for nominations from the floor and there were none. The slate will stand as stated above. The elections will be at the November general meeting.
- The Spring 2011 Obedience/Rally Trial will be Friday, May 13 as part of a 4 day trial. Maggie Gee is trial chair. It will be back in the Creative Arts Building.
- The Board approved the rental of mats, obedience/rally equipment, rings, and baby gates for the English Setter National Specialty November 3-9, 2012. The rent will be \$300 with a \$100 refundable damage deposit.
- Still pending is renting the building to the English Setter group for their seminar with Laura Romanik. Maggie Gee is to contact Jill Warren of Los Alamos with some clarification questions.
- Maggie Gee is asking SDOC members for feedback and opinions on a by law change to increase the board from 9 to 11 which would have the agility training director and obedience training director as voting members. It was not stated as to whether these would be elected positions.

Hannah Agee
can be
reached at

887-9210

Or

Hannah.agee@
comcast.net

Announcements:

- There is a MASC show November 6 and 7, 2010. On the 7th there will be all breed obedience.
- There will be a Rottweiler carting test Sunday, November 7 in Rio Rancho.
- The November/December combined S&N will be the last mass mailing. It is going electronic. Hard copy will still be available for those who want it. Be sure to mark the area on the membership form as to your preference.
- The membership renewal form and title order form are in the lobby.
- The tracking class is filled.
- Thanks to Leonard Stans, Melanie Mead and Susan McGowan & her kids for the superb clean-up of the property.

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Officers, Board of Directors & Others

2010

Members of the Board:

Officers:

President: Maggie Gee

Vice President: Janice Anthes

Treasurer: Ann Newsted

Corresponding Secretary: Estelle Metz

Recording Secretary: Jacque Obermeyer

Board of Directors:

Pam Sehmer, Vickee Jones, Saul Rovinsky, Clint Wolf

Ongoing Programs:

Obedience Director: Marcie Jensen

Agility Director: Hannah Agee

Editor: Laurel Drew

Production Staff: Nancy Pollock and Saul Rovinsky

Web Wizard: Clint Wolf

Thank you one and all!

Bragg, Bragg and More Bragg

Any venue, any breed

- Vickee Jones Gordon Setter girl, Indra, earned her Open Jumpers title at SDOC's one day agility trial with a clean run and a first place. Congratulations to both of you!!!
- Marcia Sullivan's Amarog Kok Katortok (Koko) has been a busy girl. In Roswell she received Seconds and Reserve both days. In Alamogordo, she got her first Rally Novice leg and a 4th place. Sunday she had an off day in rally but made up for it in the conformation ring with Winners Bitch and Best of Breed. In Los Lunas, she again got first in her class and Reserve Winners Bitch, second on Sunday. What a good girl she is!
- At the Nov. 7th ASCA morning trial, Ann Garback's Papillon, Kingsley took first in Open B and HIT. In the afternoon show, he earned a first in Utility B and 2nd in Open B, getting the High Combined trophy and his 4th ASCA UDX leg. Way to go, Kingsley and Ann.
- At the Oct. ASCA Agility trial, Clint Wolf's Golden, Kaia, took a 3rd place finish in Elite Regular, completing her Novice Regular title. Working toward her Open titles, she took a 4th in Elite Regular, a 2nd in Elite Gamblers, and a 1st in Elite Jumpers. A week later, at the NM Toy Club/VVKC obedience trial, Kaia took 2nd place in Novice A, completing her CD title!



Marcia Sullivan and Koko at the Halloween Party.

Stephanie Kouretsos and Benson as Secretariat, "Big Red"



Alex Sloan with Maggie Gee's Solar participating in the Halloween games.

SDOC Board Meetings are held on the Tuesday *prior* to General Membership meetings at the SDOC Training Building. Minutes are available for review by contacting the Recording Secretary at the @earthling.net or at any General Membership meeting.

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Membership:

- **First Reading:** Donna Faulkner, Mary Jo Campbell
- **Second Reading:** Cheryl Jones and Amy Goldberg were unanimously voted into membership. Welcome!

Hospitality:

- Thanks to Cathy Robb for coordinating this month's hospitality and Jeff Robb for being master of ceremony for the Halloween festivities and games.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM for food and Halloween games.

Want to become a member? Get an application in the lobby at the Club building, or download from the SDOC web site!



2011 SDOC Membership Renewal

Folks: It's that time of year again to renew your SDOC membership. SDOC's year runs from January 1 to December 31. Membership renewal forms and dues for 2011 are to be submitted by January 1, 2011. *As stated in the SDOC By-Laws, "A membership will be considered as lapsed and automatically terminated if such member's dues remain unpaid 30 days after the 1st day of the fiscal year. After this grace period, any member who has not paid their dues will automatically be dropped and will have to reapply for membership in the club.*

For questions or further information, please call Maggie Gee 856-7907

2011 SDOC Membership Renewal Form

Please complete neatly as information is used for SDOC directory.

Name _____ Phone #(s) _____

*Mailing

Address: _____ City, State _____ Zip Code _____

e-mail address: _____ Dog breed(s) _____

Individual membership (\$20) _____ Family membership (\$30) _____

***Starting in 2011, the Scents & Nonscents Newsletter will be posted electronically at SDOC website. If you would like a hardcopy S&N mailed to you please indicate here _____**

Please indicate areas that you would be willing to help SDOC:

_____ Phone committee _____ Class Instruction _____ Newsletter

_____ Hospitality _____ Stewarding _____ Clerical/word processing

_____ Maintenance _____ Trial Setup Other _____

Mail completed form and check remittance by January 1, 2011 to:

SDOC, P. O. Box 93053, Albuquerque, NM 87199-3053



2011 SDOC ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Date: Sunday, January 9, 2011 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Location (**new**): Sandia Resort and Casino Thur Shan Buffet Restaurant

(The VIP room inside the restaurant is reserved for SDOC)

Menu: Sunday Buffet Brunch

Price: \$18.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

Active instructors (head, assistants, and apprentice) with 16 hours or more Instruction during 2010) are at half price ---\$9.00

If you would like to attend, please complete the reservation form below and send in with your remittance to: SDOC

P.O. Box 93053

Albuquerque, NM 87199-3053

Please reference: annual awards banquet on check

*Reservation forms due by Tuesday, January 4, 2011.

For further information, please call Maggie Gee at 856-7907

2011 Annual Awards Banquet Reservation Form

Name _____ Phone no: _____

Number attending: _____ Amount submitted _____

Mail reservation form and check remittance to:

(By Tuesday, January 4, 2011)

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Upcoming Club Meetings

More details...

Future Board Meetings (in the Office at the SDOC training building) - always at 6:30 p.m.

November 16

December 14

Dates for Jan. 2011 not yet decided.

February 22

March 22

April 26

May 24

June 21

Future General Membership Meetings (in the SDOC training building) - always at 7:00 p.m.

November 19

December 17 (Christmas Party)

Date for Jan. 2011 not yet decided

February 25

March 25

April 29

May 27

June 21

Remember: see http://calendar.yahoo.com/sdoc_events for local events.